February 17th Meeting
Location:
Dunn Richmond Economic Development Center
150 E Pleasant Hill Road, Carbondale
• 9:30 Coffee Social Hour
• 10:30 Meeting and Program

February Greeters:
• Rose Bender
• Lilly Crane
• Verelle Leaton

Chair: Gary Hartlieb

AT A GLANCE
Monthly Meetings:
March 16, 2016
April 20, 2016

February Speaker: Peter C. Alexander
Former SIU Law School Dean

“It Takes a Village: The Integration of the Hillburn School System”

Alexander was the Dean of SIU Law School and the Founding Dean of Indiana Tech. Law School in Fort Wayne. He has written numerous law review articles and monographs on a variety of topics, including bankruptcy, legal education, and pedagogy. He earned his bachelor’s degree from SIUC and his law degree from Northeastern University in Boston.

The talk will chronicle the events leading to the publication of the author’s book, which was written with his father, Leonard Alexander. The pair grew up in suburban New York City and the elementary school Peter attended was segregated when Leonard was a child. The school system was integrated because of the efforts of the family patriarch, Thomas Ulysses Alexander, and Thurgood Marshall, among others.

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**SILIR Spring Courses Session I**

**TUESDAY**

**Brain Works**  
_Instructor: Robert A. Jensen_  
February 9—March 8; 9:30 - 11:30am  
Carbondale Township - 217 East Main Street

This course will be presented in five parts:  
1. An Introduction to nervous system  
2. Neuronal signaling, synapses, and drugs  
3. Monitoring the world around us  
4. Learning and memory  
5. Disorders of the nervous system  
Registration Fee: $10.00

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**What’s Lurking in the Fine Print?**  
_Instructor: R.J. Robertson_  
February 9—March 8; 1:30 - 3:30pm  
Epiphany Lutheran Church

Whenever you open a bank account, get a credit card, buy a car, etc. you will sign (or agree to) a contract, the terms of which are on a standardized form provided by the other party. Few consumers read these forms or understand their contents. Nevertheless, courts will ordinarily enforce the terms in these contracts, with rare exceptions. This course will help consumers become familiar with some of the important terms in these types on contracts, as well as understanding why these types of contracts are so prevalent in modern commerce.  
Registration Fee: $10.00

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**WEDNESDAY**

**Writers’ Workshop**  
_Instructor: David Pellow_  
February 10—March 9; 1:30 - 3:30pm  
Epiphany Lutheran Church

Want to be a writer? Come join a workshop open to all, from beginners to experienced writers. We will share our writing efforts, giving feedback and mutual support, for all genres --poetry, fiction, biography, memoirs and history.

Materials: Access to Email  
Registration Fee: $10.00

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**THURSDAY**

**Our World of High Technology**  
_Instructor: Ken Johnson, Gary Hartlieb, John Pohlmann_  
February 11—March 10; 1:30-3:30  
Carbondale Township—217 East Main Street

This new and updated edition of Our World of High Technology includes new topics and updated information from our previous sessions. Join us as we delve into the “hows and whys” of all hi-tech gadgets that are changing our lives: Smartphones, Smart TVs, Streaming Video, Wearables, and the Internet of Things.

Along with help from Consumer Reports—to help make you a first-rate consumer—we will explore Online Security, using the Cloud, and Downloading Photos and Videos.

Last, but not least, we will explore Artificial Intelligence and what Futurists see coming in the next decade or so.  
Registration Fee: $10.00

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**What will you learn today?**

The *Community Listener’s Permit (CLP) Program* is a special non-credit program that gives participants an opportunity to attend many SIU instructor-led courses. It allows participants to experience the university classroom in a stress free manner, without examinations or grades. Anyone not currently enrolled for credit in any university-level course can take part in this program.

For more information about the CLP or Ed2Go programs, please visit the Extended Campus website at [http://extendedcampus.siu.edu/continuing-ed/personal.html](http://extendedcampus.siu.edu/continuing-ed/personal.html) or call 618.453.3430.
## SILIR Spring Courses Session II

### TUESDAY

**The “ECON 101” Course You Never Took**  
**Instructor: Thomas Mitchell**  
March 22—April 19; 9:30 am  
Carbondale Township—217 East Main Street  
This course will look at some current issues through “economic glasses.” Topics will include foreign trade, minimum wage, and market-based taxes. Calculus is not required!!!  
**Registration Fee: $10.00**

**Bach to the Future**  
**Instructor: Anita Hutton**  
March 22 - April 19; 1:30 - 3:30pm  
First United Methodist - 214 W Main, Carbondale  
A brief journey through the wonderful world of keyboard music, beginning with J. S. Bach and ending with today. The course will consist of live performances and a few recordings. There will be discussion of the composers, their works, and the lasting popularity of their music.  
**Registration Fee: $10.00**

### WEDNESDAY

**Writers’ Workshop**  
**Instructor: David Pellow**  
March 23—April 20; 1:30 - 3:30pm  
Epiphany Lutheran Church  
Want to be a writer? Come join a workshop open to all, from beginners to experienced writers. We will share our writing efforts, giving feedback and mutual support, for all genres -poetry, fiction, biography, memoirs and history.  
**Materials: Access to Email**  
**Registration Fee: $10.00**

### THURSDAY

**Religions of Iran**  
**Instructor: Parviz Sanjabi**  
March 24– April 21; 9:30 am  
Carbondale Township—217 East Main Street  
Iran has been a fertile ground for religious and spiritual thought since the second millennium BC. This course will explore various native religious beliefs from pre Zoroastrian, Zoroastrian, Mithraism, Manichaeans and Mazdac socialism. We will briefly review “foreign religions” in pre Islamic Iran including Christianity, Judaism and Buddhism. Islam and some of its various schools of thought such as Sufi’s mysticism and their effect on culture at various periods will be discussed. Finally, we will explore more recent beliefs and practices including Shiism and the Bahai faith concluding with the present time.  
**Registration Fee: $10.00**

** Sherman’s March to the Sea and Beyond**  
**Instructor: Dan Jones**  
March 24—April 21; 1:30-3:30pm  
Epiphany Lutheran Church  
A collective look at Sherman’s march through Georgia to the sea and through the Carolinas to ultimate victory in the Civil War.  
**Recommended Readings:**  
- *Southern Storm: Sherman’s March to the Sea* by Noah Andre Trudeau  
- *Sherman’s March Through the Carolinas* by John G. Barrett  
**Registration Fee: $10.00**

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SILIR Trip Opportunities


Registration available at link below
www.teachbytravel.com/boehne2016

Special Announcement

Would you like to begin, continue, or revisit a writing project? If so, the Writers’ Workshop offered in Spring Session I is designed for you.

David Pellow, the Workshop’s coordinator, will use a collaborative approach; participants will share their work with the group, critiquing and offering feedback to one another. He notes: “Writing is learned not from lectures but by doing it — the same for swimming and any other skill.”

During his academic career, David’s writing focused on scholarly publications and presentations in his specialties, French and World History. He has traveled widely, and the experiences have informed much of his research and writing. After retirement from North Carolina Central University more than a decade ago, he began concerted work on his memoirs, on a revisionist world history, and on two historical novels. He has participated in many writing groups, including leading the SILIR Writers’ Workshop last year.

The Workshop will meet Wednesdays from 1:30-3:30 for five weeks beginning February 10th at Epiphany Lutheran Church.

SILIR Monthly Interest Groups

**Musical of the Month Interest Group**

This group meets monthly to watch and discuss a musical or movie musical.

The next meeting will be 9:30am on February 24 at Vivian Ugent’s house.

On Schedule: *High Society*

**Monthly Book Club**

The Book Club meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 9:30am at Epiphany Lutheran Church on West Chautauqua.

February’s book selection is *The Invention of Wings* By Sue Monk Kidd

March’s book selection is *The Secret of Magic* By Deborah Johnson

**Monthly Lunch Talk Discussion Group**

Members are invited to join this group to meet monthly to share lunch and open conversation.

The group moves around to different regional restaurants throughout the year, meeting at 11:45am on the 4th Thursday of each month.

Location: Lonestar Steakhouse
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